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1. At about 0900 on 12 June 1954, a group of 12 Soviet KRONSHADT-Class vessels was sighted coming from Porkkala and proceeding in the direction of Tallinn. The vessels flew the Soviet ensign. They proceeded in line formation at irregular distances. The rear vessel, which was a little astern of the group, was towing equipment similar to the German hollow rod remote control sweeping device (Hohlstabfernraumgeraet, HFG), and about the same length but apparently larger in diameter than the HFG. In addition, the equipment had masts forward and aft, five to six meters high, with a single-pole antenna between them. No lead-in from the antenna to the hull was visible. The towing distance was 15 to 20 meters.<sup>1</sup> A group of six T-301-type vessels with no markings, coming from the direction of Porkkala at a speed of six to eight knots and steering on a course for Tallinn, was sighted about two sea miles from the group of KRONSHADT-Class ships.
  2. In the afternoon of 21 June, a ship which seemed to be a submarine salvage vessel was sighted near Dagerort (N 58-55, E 22-10). It was composed of two pontoons with a scaffold similar to shipyard scaffolds. No work was in progress aboard ship, and the lifting ropes suspended on the vessel were not lowered.
1. Comment: It is uncertain whether all the ships in the group, or the rear vessel alone, were towing this equipment, as the information was stated ambiguously in the original.

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